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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: F. BOLLEY
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 For: HYBRID RISER OR PIPE FOR FLUID TRANSFER
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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

TO 3600 MAIL ROOM

May 14, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2001,
 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2 - 5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 1 and 6 - 12 as follows:

1) (amended) A pipe for great water depths (D) allowing transfer of a fluid between a floating support (1) and a point located below and at a distance from the water surface, characterized in that it comprises:

at least one flexible riser part (7) connected, at one end, to the point located below the surface, and

at least one rigid riser part (6) connected to the flexible riser part at one end and to the floating support at the second end thereof,

said rigid riser part (6) having a length at least equal to half the water depth.